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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 02775

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, IR, NO  
SUBJ: GOI APPOINTS AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY

1. GOI HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF ALI KHERADMEH, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, AS AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY. BORN IN 1921 KHERADMEH HAS A PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN AND DID POST GRADUATE WORK IN "PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT" AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND THE INSTITUTDES HAUTES ETDUES INTERNATIONALES AT GENEVA. PRIOR TO JOINING MFA, HE WORKED IN THE ANGLO-IRANIAN OIL CO., THE NATIONAL BANK OF IRAN AND WAS AN OFFICER IN THE IRANIAN ARMY AND POLICE. HE SERVED FOR FOUR YEARS IN THE 1950S WITH THE POINT IV PROGRAM IN TEHRAN.

2. AMBASSADOR KHERADMEH JOINED MFA IN 1955 AND WAS POSTED FIRST TO COPENHAGEN. DURING THAT ASSIGNMENT HE SERVED THE FIRST OF THREE TDY ASSIGNMENTS TO THE IRANIAN MISSION TO THE UN IN NEW YORK. IN THE MID-60S HE SERVED AS DEPUTY IN THE MFA AMERICAS DIVISION, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WAS POSTED TO POSCOW FOR TWO TO THREE YEARS. IN 1970 KHERADMEH RETURNED AS DEPUTY IN THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MFA, DURING WHICH HE SERVED ON DELEGATIONS TO UN MEETINGS IN GENEVA AND NEW YORK.  
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IN THE EARLY 1970S HE SERVED AS MINISTER IN CAIRO AND IN 1973 WAS POSTED TO SAN FRANCISCO AS CONSUL GENERAL. IN 1975 HE RETURNED TO TEHRAN TO BECOME HEAD OF THE AFRICA DIVISION FOR A BRIEF PERIOD PRIOR TO BEING NAMED AMBASSADOR TO OMAN IN DECEMBER 1975. KHERADMEH REMAINED AT THAT POST UNTIL RECENTLY.

3. KHERADMEH, WHO HAS BEEN AN EMBASSY CONTACT FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, IS FRIENDLY AND APPROACHABLE BUT HAS NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY FORTHCOMING OR IMPRESSIVE, BEING CHARACTERIZED BY ONE OFFICER AS A LIGHTWEIGHT "DANDY". HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND FRENCH. DURING HIS TOUR IN MUSCAT HIS WIFE AND TWO SONS, NOW AGED 20 AND 18 RESIDED IN TEHRAN TO COMPLETE THEIR SCHOOLING.  
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